



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Arts and Humanities Month

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress, since 1993; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect and imagination of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities and our country; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island has clear evidence that the arts and humanities contribute significantly to our quality of life, the education of our citizens and the economy of our state; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts and culture industry also strengthens the Rhode Island Economy, and

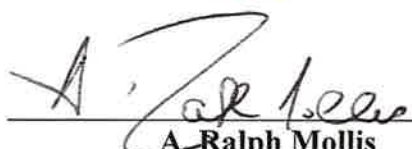
WHEREAS, a study by the New England Foundation for the Arts found that in 2009 the nonprofit arts generated \$673 million in direct and indirect spending; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 Americans for the Arts estimated combined non-profit and for-profit arts employment at over 12,000 people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as Arts and Humanities Month in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 18th day of October, 2012


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor